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Town of Easton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year ending December 31, 1977

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EASTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR Thomas Pancoast

TOWN CLERK Virginia Leighton

Monte

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN

Glenn Kiedaisch - 1979 (resigned 11/77)

Kathleen Pancoast - 1980

Dennis Ford - 1978

SUPERVISORS

Fontelle A. Silver - 1978

Carol Westhaver - 1981

Linda Leighton - 1980

BOARD OF EDUCATION Trina W. Osher

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margaret Whitcomb - 1978

Ruth Towne - 1980

Patty Clark - 1979

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Helen Young - 1978

Wendell Silver - 1980

John Purinton - 1979

TAX COLLECTOR
Fontelle Silver

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
John Jerome

POLICE OFFICER Glenn Kiedaisch - resigned

> AUDITOR Susan Maltby

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Wutzdorff - 1978 resigned

Jack Kenney - 1981

Kathleen Pancoast - 1980

Russell Towne - 1978

Glenn Kiedaisch - 1980 resigned

Gerald I. Coogan - 1979 Dean Clark - 1979

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Dean Clark - 1979

Dennis Ford - 1980 Harold Klumbach - 1982

Ion Whitcomb - 1981

John Sykes - 1978



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's Share: \$ 51.53

State Share \$353.52 and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

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Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$400.00
Selectman	300.00
Selectman	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	50.00

If approved, it is understood that the Selectmen and other officers will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290.96 to the White Mountain Regional Association.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185.00 to the North Country Home Health Agency and \$185.00 to the White Mountain Community Services.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Cemetery maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168.00 for the Easton Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Littleton Hospital Association.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to the Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rate reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation
Town Dump

Amount \$2,600.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

ARTICLE 13. To see whether the Town wishes to accept bids for road work on a three-year basis.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regards to tax maps.

ARTICLE 15. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regards to supporting the Franconia, Sugar Hill Fire Departments.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will adopt the following regulation: That no road shall be accepted by the Town as a Town Road unless it conforms to TRA specifications.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Gingerbread Village Roads (so called) as town roads.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town wishes to continue having a Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town wishes to have an elected Planning Board.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town wishes to empower the Planning Board to adopt subdivision regulations.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen act as Building Inspector and issue all building permits.

ARTICLE 22. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, Officers' salaries and expenses and other Town charges.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dennis Ford Kathleen Pancoast

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have a number of topics to report to the townspeople on this year, including changes within Easton, cooperative efforts with surrounding towns, use of our Town Hall, and plans for the future.

In November, Glenn Kiedaisch submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, and Planning Board member, as he will be out of town several days every week on business. Glenn gave many hours to Easton and we want to say a sincere thanks for his good-humored, hard-working approach to town administration.

During 1977 we worked with Franconia and Sugar Hill to establish a new solid waste disposal site to replace the old open-burning dump which was closed down. The site opened on schedule last summer. A few adjustments had to be made, such as erecting a roof. Probably the biggest complaint we heard was that it was difficult to get used to the hours, after having access to the old dump at all times, but things seem to be going well. The Selectmen of the three towns involved hope to start some recycling in the near future.

The three towns are currently discussing police and fire protection, and we hope to work out another good cooperative effort in these areas.

Chet King, a new resident in town, has been sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police in Easton. He has generously offered to do a daily patrol of our town, gratis, and he will be on call for emergencies. We appreciate his willingness to pitch in, and look forward to working with him.

We have several things to say about taxes. First of all, we are pleased to report we held the line on spending in 1977. Our tax rate was \$1.76, only 1¢ up from last year.

In an effort to get our real estate tax bills out promptly, we made a special trip to Concord in September to obtain our tax rate. We still had to wait for the state government to decide the state budget, but when the tax rate finally was available, Easton's bills were out as quickly as possible. We plan to make the trip to Concord again this coming year for this purpose.

While in Concord, we were informed that our town's evaluation is at 46%. The Department of Revenue Administration is going to blow the whistle soon and demand that we do a re-evaluation of Easton, so we decided it would be wise to plan ahead for this to see if we could cut the expense of it a bit. The first phase of our plan is to do a town tax map. R.S.A. 31:95 requires that each town have an upto-date tax map by 1980, so it's not too early to start. We will be

offering a couple of alternatives at Town Meeting this year, in order to have our tax map completed on time.

Having an updated tax map will significantly cut the cost of phase 2, our re-evaluation. We will be working on proposals for re-evaluation this year.

The third phase of our tax planning will be a package of exemptions to be made available to Easton residents. We are collecting information on these now and plan to present a unified proposal at next year's town meeting.

Our Town Hall is being used for a variety of activities which serve the community. Our main criterion in allowing people to use the hall requires that the people benefiting from the activity be predominately from Easton. Occasionally we do require a payment to cover heat, electricity and maintenance. Town Hall is currently being used regularly for meetings of a wide variety of groups: Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Kinsman Club and a weekly Yoga class. Special events have included a D.A.R. meeting in June, a potluck supper, the annual Christmas Party, a weekend retreat for the Church of Christ, and benefit dances for the Coppermine School. We hope to so some basic maintenance on the Town Hall this summer.

We spent a lot of time this year reviewing town roads. There has been some confusion about the status of the roads in Gingerbread Village. Apparently these roads were never taken over by the town, and cannot be maintained by the town in the future unless they are. We have inserted an item in this year's warrant to clear this up. This summer we plan to do some general maintenance on roads throughout town.

The Selectmen receive eight to ten calls between our regular meetings from townspeople looking for information, sharing their concerns and offering suggestions. At this time, we want to thank everyone for taking the time to give us their thoughts. We hope you have found us responsive.

Sincerely,

Demis Ford, Chairman Kathleen G. Pancoast

INVENTORY OF 1977

Land Buildings	\$ 1.	950,800.00 563,350.00
Electric Power Lines	Τ,	159, 400.00
Mobile Homes & Trailers		16,500.00
Boats		375.00
Total Gross Valuation	\$2,	690,425.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$2,	690,425.00
Less Veterans' Exemptions		500.00
Property Tax		46,851.08
Residence Tax		1,320.00
Yield Tax		1,435.71
Bank Stock Taxes		2.70
Total Taxes for Collection	\$	49,609.49



LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land Furniture and Equipment Library and Equipment Town Equipment		\$55,000.00 2,000.00 1,500.00 1,150.00
	Total	\$59,650,00

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1977. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Susan Maltby Auditor January 30, 1978



REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT Revenue Sharing Fund

Available Funds, January 1, 1977 Added Revenue	\$ 201.29
Entitlement Payments Interest	771.00 32.52
Total Available Funds	\$1,004.81
Less Expenditures General Maintenance Less Appropriations	201.29
Total Available Funds, December 31, 1977	\$ 803.52

Susan Maltby, Auditor January 30, 1978

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1977	ACTUAL 1977	ESTIMATED 1978
From State: Interest & Dividends Tax Savings Bank Tax Meals & Rooms Tax Highway Subsidy Reimbursement - Resources Division Business Profits Tax Forest Reserve Fund White Mt. Nat'l Forest	\$ 300.00 100.00 900.00 900.00 25.00 15.00 2,900.00	\$ 764.17 125.63 1,065.56 625.19 -0- 16.76 3,464.80 1,092.16	1,000.00 1,300.00 -0- 15.00
From Local Sources: Dog Licenses Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees Motor Vehicle Permit Fees National Bank Stock Taxes Resident Taxes Retained Normal Yield Taxes Assessed Rent of Town Property Income from Departments Town Maps Refunds	50.00 10.00 3,500.00 .80 950.00 2,000.00 -00- 5.00 -0-	70.00 19.00 4,472.08 2.70 1,170.00 1,435.71 80.00 449.80 1.50 389.60	70.00 10.00 4,000.00 2.50 1,200.00 2,000.00 200.00 -0-
Cash Surplus:	4,000.00	30,521.95	5,000.00
From Federal Sources: Revenue Sharing		771.00	2,600.00
Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes	\$15,655.80	\$46,537.61	\$22,513.49

TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATEI 1977	D ACTUAL 1977	ESTIMATED 1978	
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General Government: Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,650.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	2,020.70	2,000.00	
Election & Registration	400.00	204.66		
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,200.00	1,324.68		
Protection of Persons & Proper	tv:			
Police & Fire Department	1,700.00	713.45	1,700.00	
Insurance	1,500.00	1,234.00	1,500.00	
Health Department:				
Health Officer	5.00	-0-	5.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Remov	al 3,500.00	2,115.41	3,500.00	
Highways & Bridges: Town Maintenance-				
Summer & Winter	5,000.00	3,419.65	6,000.00	
Town Road Aid	51.64	51.64	51.53	
Library:	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Public Welfare:	-0-	-0-	50.00	
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	300.00	319.12	400.00	H
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,915.26	2,500.003M)5 ^w
Debt Service:				
Principal (Temporary Loan)	-0-	5,888.00	- 0 -	
Interest (Temporary Loan)	-0-	104.20	100.00	
Capital Outlay:				
Taxes bought by Town	-0-	44.14	-0-	
Property Assessing	250.00	200.00	250.00	
Refunds	200.00	<u>57.75</u>	-0-	
Total Expenditures	\$19,187.38	\$21,397.66	\$21,806.53	
			+ 50300	

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1978 Compared with those in 1977

	1977	1978
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00	450,00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings	S	
and Utilities	1,200.00	1,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Police & Fire Departments	1,700.00	1,700.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	3,500.00	3,500.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	5,000.00	6,000.00
TRA	51.64	51.53
Library	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare	-0-	50.00
Town Cemetery	300.00	400.00
Abatements	200.00	-0-
Chamber of Commerce	286.74	450.00
Advertising & Legal Fees	200.00	562.00
White Mtn. Community Services	185.00	185.00
North Country Home Health Agency	115.00	185.00
North Country Council	159.00	159.00
Franconia Recreation Association	350.00	-0- <i>503.</i> 0
Conservation Commission	300.00	168.00
White Mountain Regional Association	-0-	290.96
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Littleton Hospital Association	-0-	500.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	-0-	100.00
	\$19,187.38	\$21,806.53

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1977	\$30,521.95
Yield Taxes Uncollected	3,414.61
Capital Reserve Fund	2,150.01
Timber Tax Deposit	2,700.28
Revenue Sharing Fund	803.52
Kitchen Fund	1,177.50
Total Assets	\$40,767.87
LIABILITIES	
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Capital Reserve Fund (to offset Assets above)	\$ 2,150.01

Timber Tax Deposit (to offset Assets above)

Revenue Sharing Fund (to offset Assets above)

Kitchen Fund (to offset Assets above)

County Taxes Payable

2,700.28
803.52
1,177.50
7,969.56

\$14,800.87

Excess Assets \$25,967.00

Tax Rate: One \$100.00 valuation is \$1.76



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1977

1977 Auto Permits - 175	\$ 4,472.08
1977 Dog Licenses - 22	70.00
Town Maps Sold - 1	1.50
Town Reports Sold - 7	7.00
Filing Fees	5.00

Paid to Town Treasurer \$ 4,555.58

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk

$\begin{array}{c} \text{TREASURER'S REPORT} \\ 1977 \end{array}$

Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1977	\$23,698.29
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	49, 199. 24
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	4,555.58
Selectmen of Easton - 7 Gun Permits	14.00
Credits - 3 Voided Checks	131.00
Refunds - Profile School	389.60
Planning Board - Subdivision Fees	210.00
Town Hall Rental	80.00
State of New Hampshire Revenues: Bank Tax Business Profits Tax Highway Subsidy Interest & Dividends Meals & Rooms White Mountain National Forest State & Federal Forest Lands United States Treasury: Federal Forest Lands Revenue Shares - Deposited in Savings Account, Littleton Savings Bank	125.63 16.76 625.19 764.17 1,065.56 1,092.16 1,956.80 1,508.00
Lafayette National Bank - Loan to Town of Easton in anticipation of Taxes	5,888.00
Deposit on Timber Tax (Yield Tax) deposited in Savings Account, Littleton Savings Bank	1,350.00
	\$93,440.98
Money returned to Checking Account for expenses from Revenue Account - 1976 -\$199.00 Interest - \$2.29	201.29 \$93,642.27

Paid on Account of 124 Selectmen's Orders (Total 130 - 6 Voided)	\$63,120.32
Balance on hand in Checking Account - January 1, 1978	30,521.95
Littleton Savings Bank Accounts Inc. Interest Jan. 1, 1978	4,681.30
Total Assets	\$35, 203, 25

Margaret T. Whitcomb Treasurer



STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS 1977

Town Officers' Salaries		\$ 1,635.00
Town Officers' Expenses		2,020.70
Election & Registration		204.66
Town Hall Expenses		1,324.68
Police & Fire Protection		713.45
Protection of Persons & Property		1,234.00
Library		150.00
Taxes Bought by Town		44.14
Reappraisal of Property		200.00
Advertising		419.52
Solid Waste Disposal		2,115.41
Town Road Maintenance		3,419.65
Donation & Promotion		1,495.74
Cemetery		319.12
Refunds		5 7.7 5
Temporary Loan		5,992.20
Payments to State		294.12
Payments to School		39,359.18
Deposits to Savings Account		2,121.00
	Total	\$63,120.32

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1977

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector: Property Taxes Resident Taxes National Bank Stock Taxes	\$45,791.08 1,260.00 2.70	
Total Warrants		\$47,053.78
Yield Taxes		1,435.71
Added Taxes: Property Taxes Resident Taxes	\$ 1,060.40 60.00	1,120.40
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		5.00
Total Debits		\$49,614.89
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer: Property Taxes Resident Taxes National Bank Stock Taxes Yield Taxes Penalties on Resident Taxes	\$43,889.37 1,100.00 2.70 1,435.71 5.00	\$46,432.7 8
Abatements Made During Year: Property Taxes Resident Taxes	\$ 200.48 10.00	210.48
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977: (As Per Collector's List) Property Taxes Resident Taxes	\$ 2,761.63 210.00	2,971.63
Total Credits		\$49,614.89

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$ 2,599.66 150.00 442.98	
		\$ 3,192.64
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		65.85
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		5.00
Total Debits		\$ 3,263.49
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Ye Ended December 31, 1977: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Interest Collected During Year Penalties on Resident Taxes	\$ 2,599.66 60.00 65.85 5.00	
		\$ 2,730.51
Abatements Made During Year: Resident Taxes		90.00
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977: (As Per Collector's List) Yield Taxes		442.98
Total Credits		\$ 3,263.49

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - Levy of 1977

Dronarty Tayor.		
Property Taxes: Fernald G. Aiken, Sr.	\$	26.40
Fernald G. Aiken, Jr.	Ψ	52.80
Arthur Baum		105.60
Ralph Brooks		52.80
Wendell W. Cayton		439.12
*Thomas Farren		30.80
		29.04
Ruth Garvey		63.36
Robert Glover	100	
Roderick K. Glover (Taxes owed by James Fox, new owners)	11)	268.40
Bernard Hudson		64.24
Irving Laughlin		221.76
Alice G. Moser Estate		155.76
*Vincent Place		39.60
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston		236.72
David Shepard		365.20
Benjamin Talford		52.80
Joseph Wilcox		210.51
Total	\$2	, 414.91
Resident Taxes:		
Wendell Cayton	\$	10.00
Edward Haskell		10.00
Mrs. Edward Haskell		10.00
Kevin Hayes		10.00
Susan Maltby		10.00
Alan Mclane		10.00
Joan Mclane		10.00
John Miller		10.00
Linda Miller		10.00
Susan Place		10.00
Alfred Storella		10.00
Sherry Storella		10.00
Larry Talmadge		10.00
John Trainor		10.00
Linda Trainor		10.00
Thomas Trainor		10.00
Jacqueline Werner		10.00
Joseph Wilcox		10.00
Karen Wilcox		10.00
Ann Wolfe		10.00
Gregory Parmentier		10.00
Total	\$	210.00
	Ψ	410.00
* Paid after December 31, 1977		
Taxes due January 31, 1978, Added Warrant		
*Maurice Doyon	\$	346.72

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - LEVY OF 1976

Yield Taxes: Charles Hodgdon

\$ 442.98

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levy of 1976:

Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$	35.89
Interest Collected After Sale		.06
Total Debits	\$	35.95
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer During Year: Redemptions Interest & Costs After Sale	\$	35.89 .06
Total Credits	\$	35.95



I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1977, on account of tax levy of 1977, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver Tax Collector

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Glenn Kiedaisch, Selectman Dennis Ford, Selectman Kathleen Pancoast, Selectman Durand Cooley, Selectman Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk Margaret Whitcomb, Treasurer Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector Susan Maltby, Auditor	\$ \$ 1	356.61 343.39 243.52 56.48 200.00 200.00 200.00 35.00
Detail 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES		
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials Brown & Saltmarsh N.H. City & Town Clerks' Association Littleton Office Supply Harrison Publishing House Barbara Fortier, Reg. of Probate N.H. Tax Collectors Association Linda Leighton, Secretary Durand B. Cooley Equity Publishing Co. N.H. Municipal Association Fontelle Silver Kathleen Pancoast Branham Publishing Co. Franconia Hardware Robert Wutzdorff Glenn Kiedaisch Virginia Leighton Margaret Whitcomb	\$	10.00 81.10 20.00 135.95 734.00 .20 10.00 269.24 35.67 38.00 30.00 11.65 3.90 118.82 104.45 192.49 14.16
	\$:	2,020.70

Detail 3. ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Tom Pancoast, Moderator Kathleen Pancoast Harrison Publishing House Fontelle Silver, Supervisor Linda Leighton, Supervisor Carol Westhaver, Supervisor Ruth Towne, Supervisor Pro-tem Margaret Whitcomb, Ballot Clerk Thelma Hubbard, Ballot Clerk	\$ 120.00 11.00 25.00 6.90 11.86 4.60 2.30 11.50
	\$ 204.66
Detail 4. TOWN HALL EXPENSES	
Wetherbee Oil New England Telephone Public Service Co. Wendell Silver Franconia Gas Corp. Franconia Hardware Whitney's	\$ 506.33 249.48 132.51 223.61 102.03 12.95 97.77
	\$ 1,324.68
Detail 5. POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION	
Auto Specialties Franconia Hardware Glenn Kiedaisch Gary Boyle, Atty.	\$ 13.95 1.68 547.82 150.00
	\$ 713.45
Detail 6. PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	
Hadlock Insurance Agency (Bldg.) Hunkins & Eaton (Officers Bonds) Franconia Insurance & R.E. (Workmen's Comp.) Hunkins & Eaton (Bond - Comp.)	\$ 912.00 69.00 112.00 141.00
	\$ 1,234.00
Detail 7. LIBRARY	\$ 150.00
Detail 8. TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	\$ 44.14

Detail 9. REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY	
Maynard G. White	\$ 200.00
Detail 10. ADVERTISING	
Courier Printing Company	\$ 419.52
Detail 11. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	
North Country Council Town of Franconia	\$ 35.13 2,080.28
	\$ 2,115.41
Detail 12. TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE	
Winter Road Maintenance Robert P. Peckett, III Summer Road Maintenance Robert P. Peckett, III David Hunt	\$ 3,182.65 97.00 140.00
	\$ 3,419.65
Detail 13. DONATION & PROMOTION	
Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce North Country Home Health Agency White Mountain Community Services North Country Council Franconia Recreation Program Easton Conservation Committee	\$ 286.74 115.00 185.00 159.00 350.00 400.00
	\$ 1,495.74
Detail 14. CEMETERY	
Wendell Silver	\$ 319.12
Detail 15. REFUNDS	
Charles & Everett Barry W. K. Glover & Sons	\$ 14.00 43.75
	\$ 57.75

Detail 16. TEMPORARY LOANS

Lafayette National Bank Principal Interest	\$ 5,888.00 104.20
	\$ 5,992.20
Detail 17. PAYMENTS TO STATE	
Treasurer, State of N.H Bond & Debt Retirement Treasurer, State of N.H T.R.A.	$\begin{array}{r} \$ & 242.48 \\ & 51.64 \end{array}$
·	\$ 294.12
Detail 18. PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL	
Profile School District Lafayette School District	\$17,969.10 21,390.08
	\$39,359.18
Detail 19. DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Revenue Sharing Timber Tax	$\begin{array}{r} \$ & 771.00 \\ 1,350.00 \end{array}$
	\$ 2,121.00
Total	\$63,120.32

REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Your Conservation Commission tackled and accomplished two major projects in 1977. First was designation of the Paine and Sugar Hill roads as "Scenic Roads" which gives landowners and the town some protection from indiscriminate tree-cutting and removal of stone walls from the road sides. Both designations were approved at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

Our second accomplishment was Phase I of a plan to improve the appearance of the Town Hall through plantings of shrubs and trees. Kathleen Hogan of the North Country Council provided a design sketch and a list of suitable plants for this program. The White Mountain Garden Club, represented in Easton by Mrs. Frank Griffin, very kindly provided \$285.35 for this effort. As a result, the following plantings were made around the Town Hall: 2 American Arborvitae, 2 Eastern Mountain Ash, 3 Siberian Dogwood, 4 Blue Rug Juniper, 2 Canadian Hemlock, 6 Mugho Pine, and 5 Black Spruce. These plants have already relieved the somewhat barren look around the foundations of the building and should be a real asset to the town in years to come.

During the latter part of 1977, the Commission lost several members — two left the area on an extended trip and another moved away. A fire earlier in the year wiped out our records and made continuity difficult. At the moment, the Commission is being reorganized and new members are being sought.

For 1978, the Commission will address Phase II of the Town Hall project with plantings around the pond. If the area can be made attractive, the Commission may provide benches for the use of townspeople. When the parking lot is a reality, the Commission would like to see that the area is nicely landscaped. A general cleanup of the Town Hall grounds, with removal of alders and deadwood on the northern hillside, would also improve the appearance of the land. The windowboxes for the Town Hall will again be planted and set out.

If funds and manpower permit, the Commission would like to set aside one or two days for roadside clean-up in the spring, when bottles, cans and other refuse make the roads unsightly. In the same way, the swimming holes near the Town Hall could be periodically cleaned up if landowners give their permission. Possible projects in addition to these are permanent plantings at the Kinsman Cemetery, environmental films and speakers, and provision of ice skating at the Town Hall pond, if this is feasible. We will continue to look into recycling of solid waste in conjunction with other area towns if enough interest is shown.

As you'll note in looking at the Town Budget, we have substantially reduced our appropriations request from \$300 in 1977 to \$168 in 1978. With an on-hand balance of approximately \$300 after our dues are paid, we feel this surplus will help us accomplish our current goals. Commission members hope you'll feel free to provide your comments and suggestions on our work. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please drop in and add your ideas. Easton Conservation Commission members are:

Pat Coogan, Chairman Stephen North Woody Miller Monica Fox

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR 1978

\$ 40.00

Postage, Printing, Copying Telephone Reference Materials & Films Mileage Phase II Town Hall planting		25.00 8.00 15.00 30.00 50.00
	Total	\$168.00
Treasurer's Report 1977		
Balance 1/1/77		\$ 19.32
Deposit 5/2/77 7/18/77		400.00 10.00 285.35
Interest on N.O.W. Account		7.63
Total Income		\$722.30
Expenses 1977		- 382.99
Balance on Hand 12/31/77		\$339.31

Summary of 1977 Expenses

Membership Dues

\$ 35.00
25.00
4.16
16.00
6.50
10.00
286.33
\$382.99



EASTON PLANNING BOARD

The Easton Planning Board is charged with the responsibility for reviewing and then approving or disapproving prospective subdivisions in town with the overall intent of keeping expenses resulting from development to a minimum. When properly planned and developed — taking into consideration road construction, drainage, wetland, and other natural features of the land — a new subdivision or a few new lots can provide new housing and also have a beneficial impact on the town by producing additional tax revenue to help with our real estate tax burdens. However, it is a fact that improperly planned and executed subdivisions have, in other cases, become a burden for the respective towns because roads were poorly designed, or developments were built on excessively steep slopes causing sewage run-off onto neighboring properties.

To guide the Planning Board when it reviews proposals, we need a set of brief and straightforward subdivision regulations. The Board has met on a number of occasions to try to prepare a suitable set of guidelines, and townspeople have been given an opportunity to comment on them. In September, the Planning Board sponsored what evolved into a very heated public hearing. At that time some townspeople strongly objected to certain sections of the proposed subdivision practices and the need for a planning board. We are responding to many of the suggestions made by those attending. We are working on behalf of the town and need your ideas and suggestions for workable regulations. We now have a revised set of regulations which we hope will be acceptable to the town. There was a question as to whether the Town Meeting ever authorized the Board to review subdivisions and we hope to resolve that question by a special article allowing the Planning Board to do so.

Last year was an active one for the Board, as evidenced by the number of new subdivisions we reviewed and approved. In 1977 the Planning Board approved a total of eight subdivisions providing 23 new building lots in all.

In addition to reviewing individual subdivision proposals, the Board should be considering the future of Easton as a whole. To this end, we well coordinate our activities more closely with the Conservation Commission and other appropriate groups in town.

From time to time, there should be a change in the makeup of the Planning Board as members leave the area or become too busy to participate. We would like to be aware of those people in town who are concerned about Easton's future and would be willing to contribute their time and energy to Planning Board activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Clark
Gerald Coogan
Jack Kenney
Kathleen Pancoast
Russell Towne
Glenn Kiedaisch (resigned 11/77)
Robert Wutzdorff (resigned 11/77)

Easton Planning Board

Expenses incurred by the board:

Certified Mail:		
Subdivision of Bendtzen	5@.98	\$ 4.90
Goodhue	9@.98	8.82
Schaub	4@.98	3.92
Schultze	3@.98	2.94
Williams	21@.98	20.58
Zee Bar Inc.	9 @ .98	7.84
S. Glover	16@.98	15.68
Littleton Office Supply	1/13	3.60
	6/8	3.90
	7/12	2.25
	8/17	3.04
	9/27	3.60
30 Postcards @ .09		2.70
Special Delivery Mail 8/12	(Buxton)	1.49
12 Postage Stamps @ .13	,	1.56
Recorded at County Reg. Offi	ice (Schultze)	8.00
Recorded at County Reg. Offi		\$ 24.00
		\$118.82

Sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff, Chairman

POLICE REPORT For the year ending December 31, 1977

Requests for Police Services:

14 complaints of general services requested

Accidents:

Involving motor vehicles - 6 reported and processed by this department

Robberies & break-ins:

12 reported and investigated

Speeding Violations:

Summons - 7

Warnings - 6

Dog Complaints:

Were in excess of 20 reported and investigated this year

The Police Department spent most of this year investigating robberies, running after stray dogs and assisting the townspeople with general police services. Speeding violations on Route 116 by the town residents is extremely high.

In future years, the townspeople should give serious consideration to having a part-time - full-time police chief, providing him with a vehicle and radar. This can be done with Federal, State, and local funds, keeping the cost to the town minimal. It is important that we protect our rural town by making it a safe place for all our residents and seasonal visitors.

Respectfully,

Glenn T. Kiedaisch Police Chief (resigned 11/21/77)



BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen Easton, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Following is the annual report of the Building Inspector.

Permits were issued to: (1977)

Robert Glover, for residence with attached garage.
R. Edward Gordon, for residence, no garage.
Roderick Glover, for addition to shop of Ion Whitcomb.
Raymond Bilodeau, for a log residence, no garage.
Vincent Place, for a trailer, for six months, during construction.
George H. White, for residence, no garage.
Roger W. Glover, for residence, no garage.
Cabot J. Cameron, for residence, no garage.

I want to thank the above residents for their cooperation. There is no charge for a building permit.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Wutzdorff



EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1977

Three visits were made to the Easton Library by the Bookmobile in 1977.

There were 517 books borrowed. 283 fiction, 111 non-fiction, and 123 youth and juvenile.

Five new books were bought with the town's appropriation, and 51 were given by friends. Thanks to all.

Number of visitors Number of readers	$152 \\ 32$
Books loaned: Adult fiction Adult non-fiction Juvenile fiction Juvenile non-fiction	212 160 182 5
Total	559
Paperbacks & magazines	60
Total Circulation	619

The library is open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton Librarian



1977 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1977 Town Appropriation Fines on Overdue Books	15	39.34 50.00 15.37
	Total Receipts	\$304.71
EXPE	NDITURES	
Salary of Librarian Insurance Books Purchased: Readers Digest "Joy of Nature" Volumes 2 & 3 Encyclopedia of C Lumber for added book shelves	& postage 1	00.00 23.75 13.54 11.14 27.09
Tota	1 Expenditures	\$175.52

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978

Margaret Whitcomb Treas. & Library Trustee

\$129.19



LITTLETON SAVINGS BANK 1977 Savings Accounts

Account Funds	Balance 1/1/77	Interest 1977	Deposits 1977	With- drawals 1977	Balance 12/31/77
Kitchen	\$1,116.46	\$ 61.04	\$	\$	\$1,177.50
Revenue Sharing	201.29	32.52	771.00	201.29	803.52
Timber Tax	2,185.36	164.92	1,350.00	1,000.00	2,700.28
Totals	\$3,503.11	\$258.48	\$2,121.00	\$1,201.29	\$4,681.30

Margaret Whitcomb Treasurer



1977 REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of \$300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery.

There were three burials in our little cemetery this year. These lots were seeded and cared for as necessary.

Flags were placed on fifteen Veterans graves for Memorial Day. The flags this year were donated by an anonymous donor. The committee wishes to express its appreciation.

Due to the amount of rain this season the cemetery required mowing frequently to keep it attractive.

Some stones were straightened and several lots filled and seeded.

There were a total of seventeen Trust Funds with John Jerome as Trustee of Trust Funds.

Compliments on how well the cemetery has been kept the past few years have been most gratifying. Several from out of state have visited the cemetery and talked with Mr. Silver and expressed how nice it was to see the cemetery well cared for once again.

We hope the townspeople feel the same and will appropriate money enough to keep our little cemetery attractive.

The Kinsman Cemetery Committee proposes that a fee of \$25.00 be asked for a 12' x 20' cemetery lot from residents and that the non-resident fee should be \$50.00. A person desiring a lot or wishing to establish a trust fund should contact the Cemetery Committee Chairman.

Town Appropriation

RECEIPTS

Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds Balance paid over Appropriation	202.00 19.12		
	\$521.12		
EXPENSES			
Wendell Silver, Labor Wendell Silver, Gas, Oil and Equipment	\$446.00		
Maintenance	<u>75.12</u>		
	\$521.12		

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Wendell W. Silver Helen Young John Purinton \$300 00



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ON December 31, 1977

Balance Income	End of	Year	\$ 19.01		101.14		15.12							48.46	153.24	27,41	13.64	8.96	65.05			1,550.01	\$2,214,40
Expended	During	Year	\$ 7.00	7.00	18,00	15,00	00.9	2,00	6,00	00.9	6.00	14.00	10.00	15,00	23.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	50.00			-0-	\$ 202.00
Income	During	Year	\$ 8.34	9,12	21.07	17,65	8,01	4.09	8.07	8.16	8,03	15.82	11,26	17,43	24.90	6.87	7,91	7.60	55.20			137.12	\$ 376.65
	Rate of	Interest	6-3/4	6 - 3/4	6-3/4	6-3/4	6 - 3/4	6-3/4	6-3/4	6 - 3/4	6 - 3/4	6-3/4	6 - 3/4	6-3/4	6-3/4	6-3/4	6 - 3/4	6 - 3/4	6-1/2			6-1/2	
Balance Income	Beginning	Year	\$ 17.67	28.76	98.07	48,96	13,11	7.80	13,80	15.26	13,24	23,39	44.95	46,03	151.34	25.54	11.73	7.36	59,85			1,412.89	\$2,039.75
	Amt. of	Principal	\$ 100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	114,00	200.00	200.00	71.25	100.00	100.00	750.00			000.009	\$3,385,25
																							Total
		NAME OF TRUST FUND	R. W. Young	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards	Florence Pease	Whitcomb & Tabbutt	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	Russell & Iva Stevens	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	Harriet E. Bailey	William & Alice C. Muser	Raymond W. Whitcomb	Arthur Pease	Charles A. Young	Orin G. Bowles	Leighton & Doolan	Everett W. Bailey	Howard Bonor	L. Gerard Paine	All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care		Town of Easton - Capital Reserve Fund	
	Date of	Creation	1916	1922	1954	1966	1973	1973	1971	1970	1971	1970	1947	1947	1937	1970	1974	1975	1973		1945	& 1946	0

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	40	49.1
Town	0	0
DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF John Q. Ricard Canaan, New Hampshire		OREST FIRE WARDEN arand B. Cooley

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

As Executive Councilor for District One which covers 62% of the State of New Hampshire (102 towns and 3 cities), I am pleased to submit this short report to the citizens of your town.

The Executive Council of New Hampshire is elected from five districts portioned by population. The work of the Council has been described as similar to that of a board of directors for State business. The New Hampshire Constitution provides that the Council shall from time to time advise the Governor in the affairs of State. State law as passed by our General Court mandates much of State government to be acted upon "with the advice and consent of the Council."

Our meetings in the State House Council Chambers are open to the public, and I would welcome having any citizens from our District attend any of the meetings.

The responsibilities of the Governor and Council are so diversified as to defy any attempt at exact classification. Their activities extend to the appointment of certain public officials, to a general supervision over State departments, to State expenditures, to pardon matters and to a variety of other duties... State officials and employees, State fiscal matters, pardons, commutations and reprieves, eminent domain and related responsibilities, State contracts and leases, public waters, State industrial and recreational interests and miscellaneous responsibilities.

From time to time, as Councilor if I can be of help to cities, towns, counties, agencies and individuals, I stand ready to do so especially if the problem or concern has to do with State government. However, as many of you know, much of our government, at the local level, is funded by not only local dollars but State and federal monies are many times involved which means that several levels of government are involved. In such cases we must turn to our local town administrative assistants, regional planning commissions, county officials and others for help and guidance.

I can generally be reached by writing or calling my home office (R.F.D. #1, Woodsville, N.H., 03785, telephone, 603-747-3662) or in care of the Executive Council Chambers (State House, Concord, N.H., 03301, telephone, 603-271-3632).

Raymond S. Burton Executive Councilor District One

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.

BOX 40, FRANCONIA, N.H.

In Easton, NCC provided landscape design assistance on the town hall beautification project, technical assistance in establishing a tri-town solid waste transfer station, and technical assistance with developing subdivision regulations.

In 1977, NCC provided the following region-wide services:

<u>Planning Services:</u> NCC provides technical assistance to communities in a number of areas such as comprehensive planning, assistance with subdivision regulations, or reviewing development proposals. NCC is always available to meet with any local official, planning board or public body to assist with local planning matters and thirty-five towns have received some type of direct service from the Council.

Economic Development Grantmanship: NCC worked closely with the Economic Development Administration of the US Department of Commerce, the Farmers Home Administration, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and HUD to bring a greater amount of financial resources into the Region; this will assist municipalities, local development corporations, and other organizations implement locally developed projects and programs. NCC attempts to be aware of the many federal grant programs that would be relevant to needs of communities in the North Country.

Preparation of Development Plans: By working over time to complete components of the Development Plan (in accordance with RSA 36:45), the Council will be in a position to make specific recommendations on how the communities in the Region can develop and prepare for future growth. During 1977, much progress has been made in the areas of Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development.

Participation in National and State Policies: NCC responds to opportunities to present a North Country perspective before federal and state agencies. Examples include its presentation to the Regional Town Meeting on transportation sponsored by DOT Secretary Adams; meetings with the Regional representative of the Department of Energy on the potential of wood energy, its role in initiating legislation which permitted the construction of bi-state sewerage treatment plants, and its assistance in developing state legislation permitting town governments to develop and own industrial parks. NCC has also worked with the NH Department of Public Works and Highways to encourage the Department to make improvements to US 302 from Woodsville to Littleton. As a body representative of local government, NCC provides a local response to state initiatives on "208" Water Quality, Solid Waste, and Safe Drinking Water Standards.

Inquiries, Technical Assistance and Special Reports: NCC staff is always available to respond to the inquiries and requests of member municipalities. In the last year, the Council has published technical assistance reports on "Model Subdivision Regulations", "Woodsville Downtown Improvement Summary Report", "Energy Perspectives in the North Country", and the "North Country Housing Element".

Education and Training Programs: NCC again co-sponsored the six Municipal Law Lectures in the Fall and the second statewide Annual Meeting of Regional Planning Commission members. A special workshop for applicants of Round II of the Local Public Works Act was held in conjunction with EDA officials from Concord and Philadelphia. Planning News, the NCC Newsletter, and a legislative bulletin keep local officials and interested persons informed of planning and development activities.

In 1978, the Council will be available to work with the town and other appropriate groups to help implement some of the recommendations contained in the Plans. Ideas and suggestions on how the Council can be of greater assistance are appreciated. The Council was created by five towns in 1973 and continues to exist as a service agency to the towns. The Council greatly appreciates the support it receives from the towns, knowing that the support will enable it to provide continued service to the area in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Westhaver Robert Wutzdorff



MARRIAGES -- 1977

Name, residence and official station of person by whom married	Rev. William Briggs Franconia, N.H. Clergyman		Birthplace of Mother	N. H. N. Y.
Name, 1 official st by who	Rev. Willis Franconia, Clergyman		Birthplace of Father	N.H. er N.Y.
Name of Parents	Robert Sherburn Agatha O'Brien Ernest Doolan Ina Leighton		Name of Mother	Joanne Kenney Kathleen E. Guenther
Residence of Each	Easton, N.H.	BIRTHS 1977	Name of Father	John W. Miller Thomas M. Pancoast
		BIF	Sex	M
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Stanley R. Sherburn Lorie L. Doolan		Name of Child	Samuel Bode Miller Alexandra Kathryn Pancoast
Date and Place of Marriage	April 10, 1977 Franconia, N.H.		Date of Birth	October 12, 1977 October 12, 1977



DEATHS -- 1977

Name of Mother

Name of Father

Name of Mother	Mable Mears	Sarah Angelina	Bertha Bowles
Name of Father	Charles Glover	Andrew T. Edney	Frank Powers
Occupation	Retired	Retired	Housewffe
Sex	M	M	Įч
Age	81	88	64
Name of Deceased	Clayton M. Glover	Merton A. Edney	Lizziebelle P. Judd
Date and Place of Death	January 15, 1977 Littleton, N.H.	October 25, 1977 Laconia, N.H.	November 13, 1977 Littleton, N.H.



